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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 15, 21, 31, and 42-61 are cancelled, claims 2, 5, 8, 9, 12-14, 16, 17, 22-24, 28-30, 32, 33, 38, and 39 are amended, and claims 64-67 are added herein. Claim 39 was previously withdrawn from consideration but is amended herein to depend from an allowed claim and is therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 10, 11, 18-20, 25-27, 34-37, 40, and 41 were previously cancelled. Claim 39 is amended to depend from an allowed claim and is submitted for consideration. Claims 2-9, 12-14, 16, 17, 22-24, 28-30, 32, 33, 38, 39, and 62-67 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claims 42-61, which were previously withdrawn from consideration, have been cancelled herein without prejudice to the patentability of the claims. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

The following remarks are responsive to the Final Office action dated October 20, 2004.

Claims 62 and 63 have been allowed.

Claims 2-9, 12-14, 16, 17, 64, and 65, as presented herein, depend directly or indirectly from claim 62 and are accordingly submitted to be in proper form for allowance.

Claims 22-24, 28-30, 32, 33, 66, and 67, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 63, are also submitted to be in proper form for allowance.

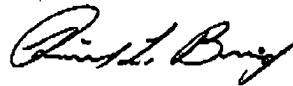
Claims 38 and 39 are directed to disposable absorbent articles comprising the pattern-unbonded nonwoven fabric of allowed claim 62. As a result, claims 38 and 39 are in proper form for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of claims 2-9, 12-14, 16, 17, 22-24, 28-30, 32, 33, 38, 39, and 62-67 as now presented is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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